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re Application of

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For:

OPTICAL CONNECTOR FERRULE, MOLD THEREFOR, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL

CONNECTOR FERRULE, AND METHOD OF INSPECTING OPTICAL CONNECTOR FERRULE

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Total Claims	10	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
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The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003.